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Taiwan

Poultry meat and eggs are pillars of the traditional Chinese diet. Taiwan consumed upwards of 740 thousand tons of poultry meat (approximately 87 percent being chicken) and 7.9 billion eggs during 2000. This translates into 70.5 pounds of poultry and 335 eggs per capita. Pork and broiler chicken meat are highly substitutable for one another in stir-fry, the staple of Chinese cooking. As such, domestic pork prices do impact chicken meat sales as higher prices for pork encourage consumers to switch from buying chilled pork cuts to buying chicken meat, and restaurants to alter menu offerings accordingly.

Taiwan food processors have increasingly used turkey thigh meat as a filler substitute for pork in traditional sweet sausages, hot dogs, ham, and other food items when pork prices rise relative to turkey. Turkey wings, smoked and spiced locally to Chinese tastes, are hot sellers at grocery stores and hypermarkets and flame-cooked chicken leg quarter with rice & veggies is one of the two most popular lunch box entrees in Taiwan - accounting for better than 30% of all lunch box sales.

Taiwan requires that chicken and turkey meat and products may enter Taiwan only from countries certified free of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and Newcastle Disease (ND). Currently, Taiwan has certified the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Sweden as free of these two diseases. The United States is expected again to be the only registered exporter of turkeys to Taiwan during 2001 and 2002.

The trigger price for pork making turkey thigh meat a cost-down substitute for pork is reportedly 65 cents per pound live weight. Pork prices have dropped from their peak in mid-1999, which has softened demand for turkey thigh meat and caused imports to drop by more than 25% off their 1999 peak. Turkey, however, has found a better-than-anticipated audience with manufacturers as a low-fat protein ingredient. Therefore, even with low pork prices, producers see their use of turkey gradually regaining ground in 2001 to 18,500 mt (up 11.4%) and to 19,400 mt in 2002.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agriculture Service

Caribbean Basin Tourism Industry

The week of September 16-22, 2001 was a devastating week for the Caribbean Basin tourism industry. Normal 40 to 90 percent hotel occupancy rates fell dropped to zero to 20 percent. The highest impact on hotel occupancy rates was felt in Bermuda. Normal rates of 75 to 80 percent fell to less than 10 percent. Some Bermudian hotels are discussing an unprecedented full close from October to the beginning of its next tourist season. The effects on tourism are too early to determine although U.S. food service products will be the hardest hit. It is anticipated in Jamaica that delays, because of increased security measures in both sea-going and air transport, may further hinder U.S. product entry.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

U.S. Broiler Meat Export Comparisons in metric tons

	Jan-July 2000			& July 2000			%
	2000	2001	chg	2000	2001	chg	
North America	133,404	138,218	+4	21,365	19,140	-10	
Caribbean	45,711	51,879	13	5,644	6,253	11	
Central America	20,036	25,808	29	4,049	3,447	-15	
South America	16,296	28,545	75	2,235	3,764	68	
*EU	27,247	32,620	20	3,676	3,256	-11	
West Europe	230	535	20	0	2	-	
**FSU	486,882	668,863	37	54,969	97,604	78	
Eastern Europe	32,333	66,697	106	12,940	10,245	-21	
Africa	36,446	40,519	11	7,086	4,162	-41	
Asia	574,259	553,348	-04	76,694	75,010	-2	
Oceania	14,353	13,320	-07	1,879	1,384	-26	
World	1,418,324	1,652,137	16	197,362	230,983	17	

*EU-European Union

**FSU-Former Soviet Union

Selected Countries	January - July		% chg
	2000	2001	
Mexico	87,220	95,562	10
Jamaica	12,668	15,044	19
Haiti	6,024	12,432	106
Guatemala	16,435	21,784	33
Honduras	1,026	2,248	119
Poland	21,196	40,636	92
Macedonia	2,442	6,065	148
Romania	2,528	12,023	376
Bulgaria	2,485	6,217	150
Ghana	1,416	4,589	224
Angola	16,720	22,331	34
South Africa	11,665	1,734	-85
Indonesia	8,002	1,616	-80
Philippines	11,275	6,348	-44
China	54,537	37,849	-31
Korea	43,864	56,545	+29
Hong Kong	366,725	357,915	-2
Japan	63,969	67,877	+6

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

US-Jordan Free Trade Deal Ratified

On 28 September, US President Bush signed the implementation legislation for the US-Jordan Free Trade Agreement after the US Senate approved it early last week. The Agreement makes Jordan the fourth country after Canada, Mexico and Israel to obtain free trade partner status with the US. The agreement could help create momentum in winning Congressional support for Trade Promotion Authority (formerly termed Fast Track Authority) on the road to the WTO Doha Ministerial. Trade flows between the two countries accounted for only about \$US 400 million of the \$US 2 trillion in US exports and imports last year.

Source: BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Sep 29, 2001

Year-To-Date

	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	384	191	9,153	5,457
Frozen	0	0	78	126
Dried	40	0	80	419
Total	424	191	9,311	6,002

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Sep 29, 2001

Year-To-Date

	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	135	63	4,183	4,110
Frozen	127	29	1,202	687
Dried	0	11	485	712
Total	262	103	5,870	5,509

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Sep 29, 2001

Year-To-Date

	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	78	87	1,941
Extra Large	1,150	1,363	52,102	39,062
Large	3,880	3,301	100,987	112,363
Medium	750	863	34,918	27,032
Ungraded	11,760	10,350	305,930	300,514
Misc	924	0	68,144	9,387
Total	18,464	15,955	562,168	490,299

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 29-Sep-01
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,937	1,403	3,340
LAST WEEK	2,004	1,438	3,442
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,792	1,513	3,305
TO-DATE/2001	69,277	53,880	123,157
TO-DATE/2000	74,862	56,365	131,227

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	267	0	267
LAST WEEK	468	8	476
SAME WEEK YR AGO	569	4	573
TO-DATE/2001	16,786	251	17,037
TO-DATE/2000	18,425	548	18,973

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,204	1,403	3,607
LAST WEEK	2,472	1,446	3,918
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,361	1,517	3,878
TO-DATE/2001	86,063	54,131	140,194
TO-DATE/2000	93,287	56,913	150,200

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

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CHICKEN 05-OCT-2001
 PRICES VOLUME
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

PRICES VOLUME
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00-18.00	16.00-18.00	171,600	40,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.50	16.22		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.50-17.00	11.00-17.00	1,316,000	485,600
WTD AVERAGE	15.82	15.40		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

CHICKEN 05-OCT-2001
 PRICES VOLUME
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

PRICES VOLUME
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.50	16.00-19.00	916,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	17.44		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.75-19.50	14.75-17.00	1,506,200	764,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.03	15.46		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 OCTOBER 2001.

Undertone steady to weak on tom breast meat with lower trending offering prices still noted on fresh. Destrapped tenderloin undertone steady at best on fresh, frozen barely steady. Tom bulk parts undertone on 2-joint wings was steady to weak, full-cut wings fully steady, balance steady. Thigh meat undertone about steady with supplies held with varying degrees of confidence. Trading centered on a heavy volume of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts for mostly October shipments and on a fair volume of fresh mechanically separated turkey, balance light. Frozen yearling thigh meat traded at 68 cents delivered domestic. For export: livers 27, hen 2-joint wings 46, frozen whole tenderloins 139 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 05, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00		38.00	120	38.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	38.00		38.00	40	38.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		F	29.00	28		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	14.50		14.50	104	16.81	368
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	68.28	144	68.28	144

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 04, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	38.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	29.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	14.50-19.00		17.90	212
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	68.28	144

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	38.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	29.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	17.00		17.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.00-69.00		68.28	144

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 02, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	38.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	29.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	17.64	384
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	69.20	200

MONDAY, OCTOBER 01, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00		38.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	29.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	17.64	384
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	69.20	200

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY
2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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